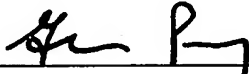


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this amendment is requested along with an early action on the merits of this application. By this amendment, claims 2, 4, 7, 18-22, and 36 (prosecuted in the parent application) have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8-17, and 23-35 are pending in this application.

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